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Urban District of Whittlesey

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1956.

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TO:           THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
          WHITTLESEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for  
1956 together with the Report of the Public Health Inspector.  
I have great pleasure in recording that Mr. Bamford has  
been a most helpful agreeable colleague and that Mrs. Tyers  
has carried out her secretarial duties with cheerful efficiency.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

D.C. LOGAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

My Dear Sirs, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would be pleased to attend to the  
business of the Society of the District of Columbia.  
I have been pleased to receive from Mr. Jackson and  
Mr. and Mrs. Johnson a copy of the report of the  
Society of the District of Columbia for the year 1871.

I have the honor to be,  
Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

J. C. BROWN.

General Editor of the



OFFICERS OF THE WHITTLESEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer of Health:

D.C.Logan, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector.

D.A.Bamford, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	23, 362
Number of Inhabited Houses	2, 921
Rateable Value (at 31.12.56.)	£90, 282
Product of ld. rate (at 31.3.56.)	£143. 2s. 5.16d.
Population (Registrar General's figures).	8, 750

OFFICERS OF THE WHITELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer of Health:

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	23, 304
Number of inhabited houses	2, 341
Rateable value (at 21.15.0.)	200, 282
Product of 18. rate (at 21.3.0.)	2143. 2s. 2.10d.
Population (1921 Census)	6, 750



# VITAL STATISTICS.

## LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	79	74	153
Illegitimate.	3	2	5
	—	—	—
Total:	82	76	158
	—	—	—

## Live Birth Rate -

Whittlesey Urban District - per 1,000 estimated population	18.06
Adjusted Live Birth Rate - per 1,000 estimated population	18.24
England and Wales - per 1,000 estimated population	15.6

## STILLBIRTHS

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	3	2	5
Illegitimate.	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Total:	3	2	5
	—	—	—

## Stillbirth Rate -

Whittlesey Urban District - per 1,000 live and still births	30.67
England and Wales - per 1,000 live and still births	23.00

## DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	2	2	4
Illegitimate.	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Total:	2	2	4
	—	—	—

## Infant Mortality Rate -

Whittlesey Urban District - per 1,000 Live Births	25.3
England and Wales - per 1,000 Live Births	23.8

After 7 consecutive years during which the Infant Mortality Rate has been below the average for England and Wales, the Infant Mortality Rate for this year is slightly above the National average. There were 4 deaths in infants under 1 year; three took place during the first three weeks of life and were associated with congenital conditions predisposing to illness and early death. The fourth death occurred in a child of 7 months and was due to a virulent form of pneumonia which did not respond to the inhibition of the newest Antibiotic Drugs.

## Neo Natal Death Rate -

Whittlesey Urban District - per 1,000 Live Births	18.9
England and Wales - per 1,000 Live Births	16.9







## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Immunisation against infectious diseases is still being sought for children and more have been immunised against acute poliomyelitis this year but unfortunately the amount of vaccine available for protection against this latter disease is much below requirements. It is hoped that much more will be available shortly and that immunisation will be available to all ages and both sexes on demand.

### NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during 1956 :-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Measles	24	33	57
Pneumonia	12	7	19
Whooping Cough	5	8	13
Scarlet Fever	3	5	8
Erysipelas	2	1	3
Dysentery	2	-	2
Non-paralytic polio	1	-	1
Tuberculosis ( Pul: )	2	-	2
Total:			<hr/> 105 <hr/>



INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Investigation against infectious diseases is still  
going on for malaria and other fever diseases  
which are common in this year but unfortunately the means of  
prevention available for protection against this fever disease  
is much below requirements. It is hoped that more will  
be available shortly and that investigation will be available  
to all ages and both sexes in future.

INVESTIGATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases were  
notified during the year:

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DEATHS ( ALL CAUSES )

Male 41

Female 32

Total 73

Death Rate -

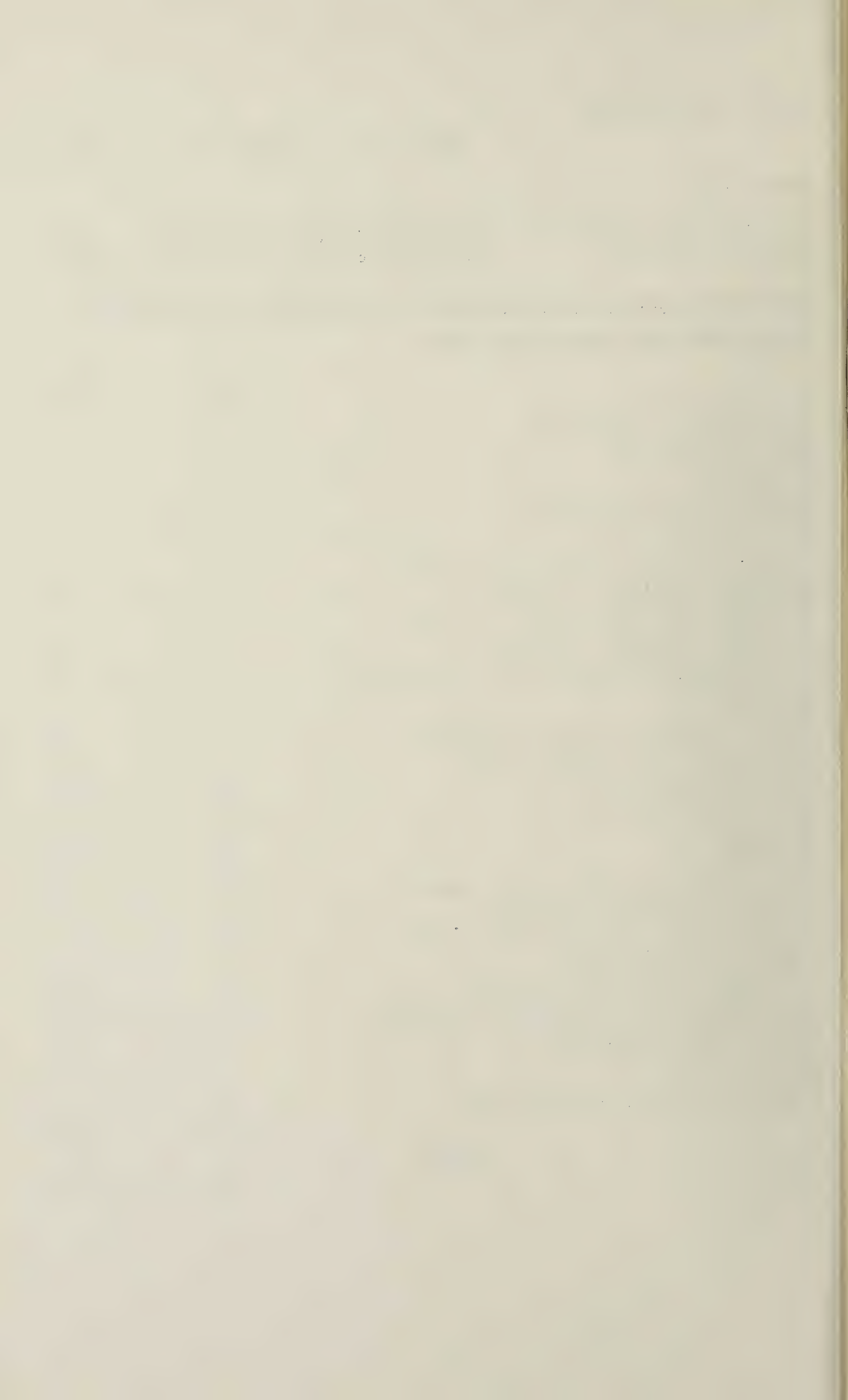
Whittlesey Urban District - per 1,000 estimated population	8.35
Adjusted Death Rate - per 1,000 estimated population	9.2
England and Wales - per 1,000 estimated population	11.7

Causes of Deaths in the Whittlesey Urban District, as supplied

by the Registrar General for 1956 :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
Diabetes	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	5
Coronary disease, angina	8	6
Hypertension with heart disease	2	-
Other heart disease	11	9
Other circulatory disease	1	-
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	3	2
Bronchitis	1	1
Other disease of respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	-	-
Suicide	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-
Total:	<u>41</u>	<u>32</u>







TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
WHITTLESEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my first Annual Report on the work carried out in the year 1956.

This year the bulk of the work done has been preparation of the Slum Clearance Scheme.

The Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Act 1956 altered the designation Sanitary Inspector to Public Health Inspector. This was done as the word "Sanitary" has acquired a different meaning and the new designation should give a better idea of the scope of the work undertaken. The Minister of Health recommends that the best training for a Public Health Inspector is obtained by a system of pupillage with a local authority and hopes that local authorities will bear this in mind.

I wish to record my appreciation of the support received from the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health and the help generously given by the Clerk of the Council and the Surveyor and to the Clerk in the Public Health Department who throughout the year has so willingly carried out her duties.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. A. BAMFORD.

Public Health Inspector.







## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### WATER SUPPLY.

13 samples of mains water were submitted for bacteriological examination, all were classed as satisfactory.

One sample of water from a dip well was unsatisfactory and the users were advised to boil all water pending provision of a satisfactory supply.

The Town's water is purchased from Peterborough Corporation.

Total consumption 1956	99, 824, 000 gallons
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Average daily consumption	273, 478 gallons
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It is estimated that 2,670 houses are supplied with water either direct to the house or by means of stand-pipes. Many houses in the town area are still supplied from stand-pipes.

### SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Although the Coates sewerage scheme was completed last year the number of properties connected to the sewer has been small. The position in the town area remains the same, many houses still have pail closets although sewer and water supply are readily available.

Test baiting of the sewers for rats was carried out and no takes were recorded.

### NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION.

The Council undertake emptying of pails, vaults and cesspools from properties where no sewer is available. This work is let by Contract annually.

280 pails are emptied three times in every 14 days. There are 165 cesspools and vaults emptied during the year.

Although several complaints were received there has been an improvement in this service.





REFUSE COLLECTION.

A comprehensive collection scheme had just been started at the end of 1955. Refuse from the Town Area and Coates and Eastrea is collected weekly, and refuse from all other areas is collected once in three weeks. Many houses in the outside areas are approached by droves and these collections can only be made during good weather conditions.

The scheme has worked well and there were only a few delays caused by bad weather. The table below shows the different collection figures.

	<u>Town Area</u>	<u>Outside Area</u>		
		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
No. of bins collected per week	2031	752	763	781
Miles per week	58	104	105	95

Trade refuse is collected on Saturday mornings from 27 premises, an annual charge of £4 is made for this service.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

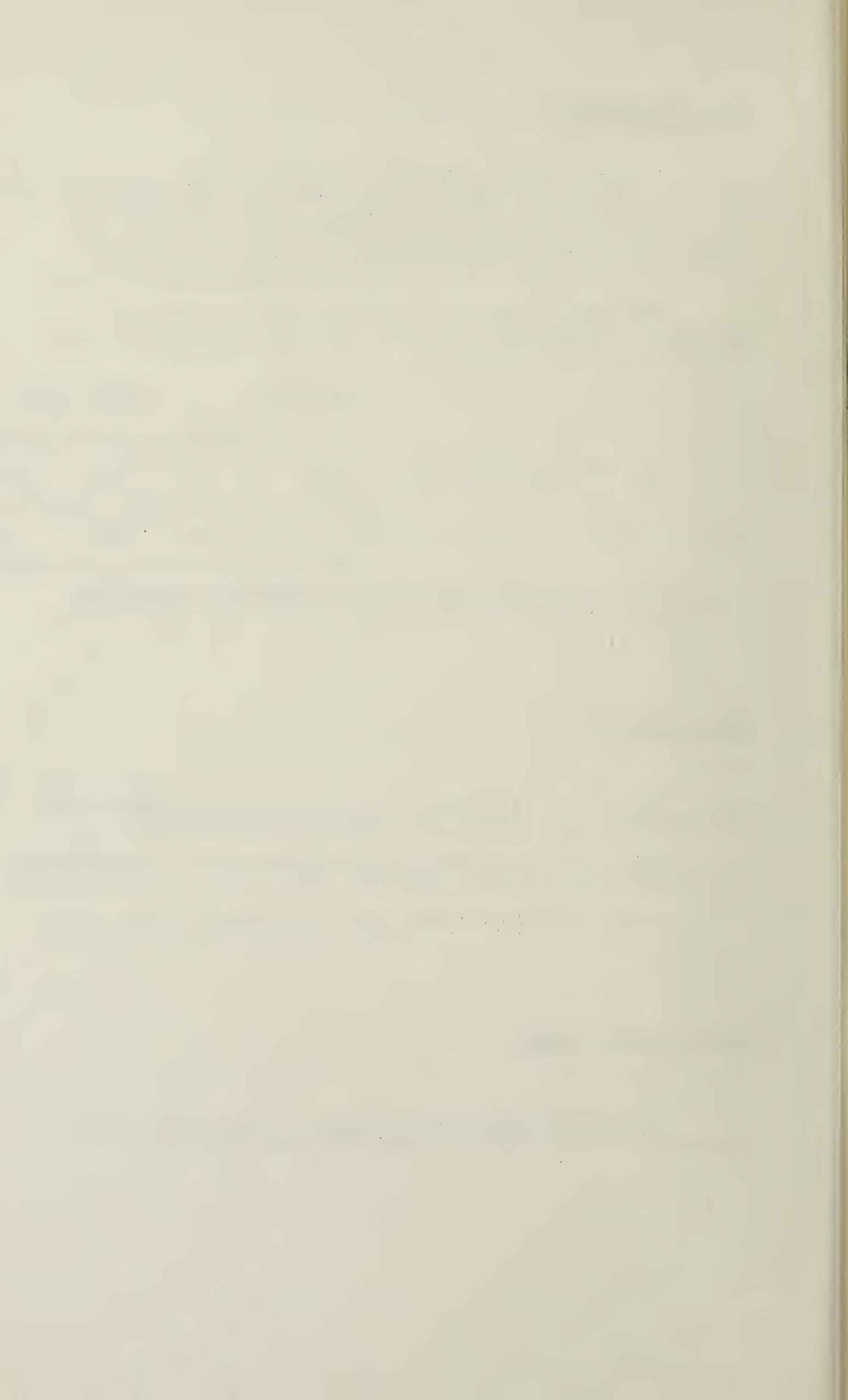
The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the New Road Site. No nuisance or complaints have arisen.

White metal and scrap iron salvaged by the tip attendant during the year brought in £110. 5s. 0d.

Poison baiting for rats was successfully carried out.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

The two registered common lodging houses were well maintained and were visited regularly during the year.





## TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS.

Twelve single sites are registered and are satisfactory.

Cheshire's Yard is the only camp with Planning Permission. This site is well kept and of a good standard.

The three other sites are of a poor standard but improvements have been made to them. Several complaints were made and dealt with. There is a steady influx of families to these sites from outside the area..

Two sub-standard vans were dealt with under the Housing Acts and were demolished when the occupants were re-housed in Council Houses.

## INSPECTIONS.

The following table summarises the inspections made in 1956 :-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Informal Notices.</u>	<u>Statutory Notices.</u>
Cesspool, pail and vault work	18	-	-
Factories, Workshops and Bakehouses	25	4	-
Slaughterhouses and Butcher's Shops	528	-	-
Food Shops	31	3	-
Restaurants	16	-	-
Verminous and Filthy Premises	9	2	-
Housing	134	38	-
Nuisances	19	11	-
Rats and Mice	26	-	-
Caravan Sites	38	5	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	43	2	-

Of the 65 informal notices served 58 were complied with.





## DISINFESTATION AND DISINFECTION.

No infestation of bed bugs was reported or found.

One infestation of fleas was found and the premises treated.

An infestation of caterpillars occurred in the spring on hedges in the Eastrea Road Housing Site and the Garden of Rest.

Spraying with D.D.T. cleared the infestation.

## HOUSING.

Number of houses erected during 1956 :-

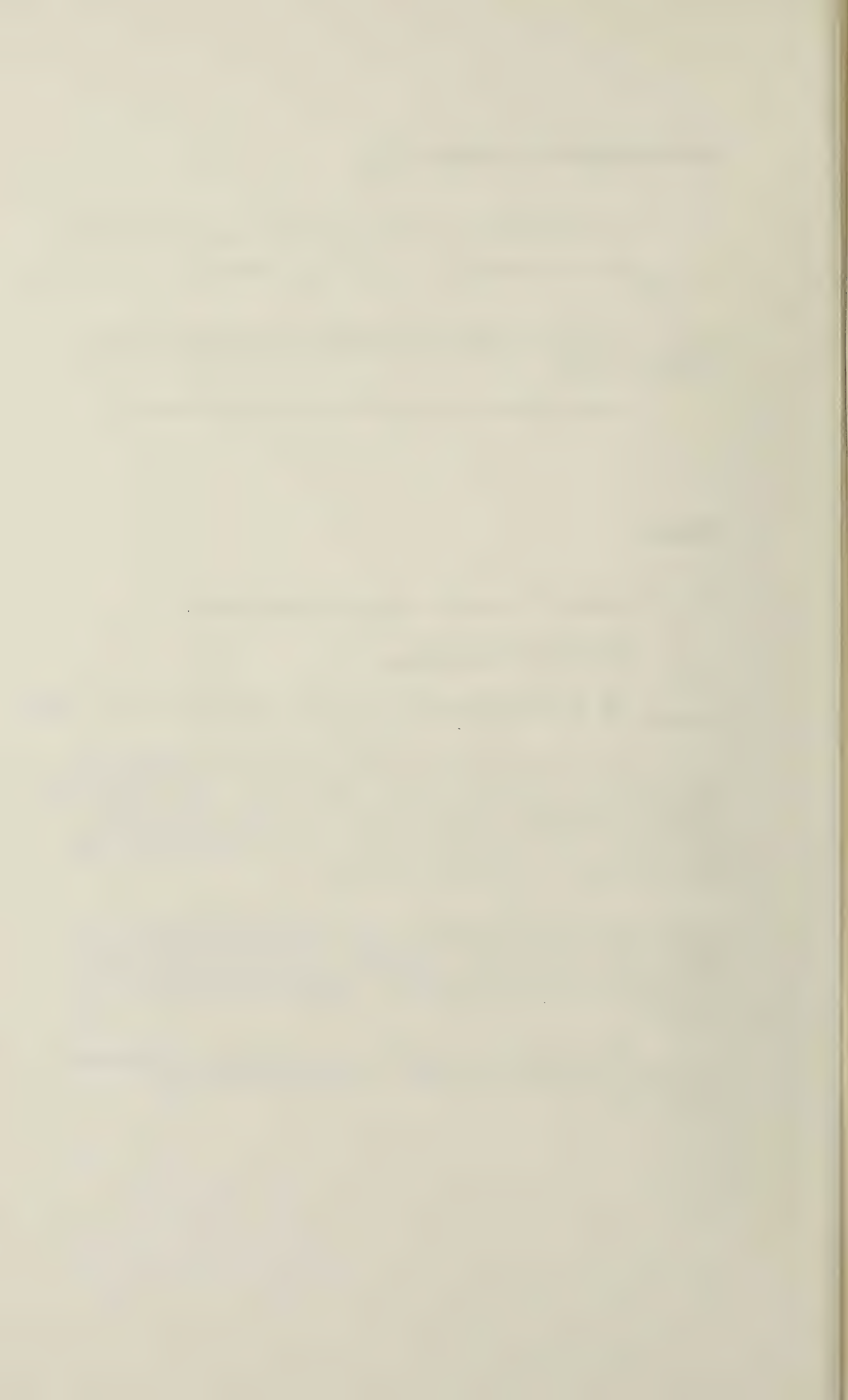
By Local Authority	16
By Private Enterprise	23

30 applications were received for Improvement Grants of which 25 were approved and received grants.

The Slum Clearance Scheme which was submitted to the Minister of Housing & Local Government was reconsidered and detailed inspections were carried out. The general low standard of housing conditions in the area is gradually being appreciated as more new houses are being built and some of the older houses are brought up to a good standard with the aid of Improvement Grants.

Three dwellings were dealt with by Demolition Orders under Housing Acts and the families re-housed. Two houses which were under existing demolition orders were demolished. Applications for re-newal of licences to re-occupy property condemned in 1938 were refused in two cases.

Of the dwellings which were subject to Clearance or Demolition Orders in 1938, 49 were licensed for occupation.





FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

Inspections made (under the Factories Act) for 1956.

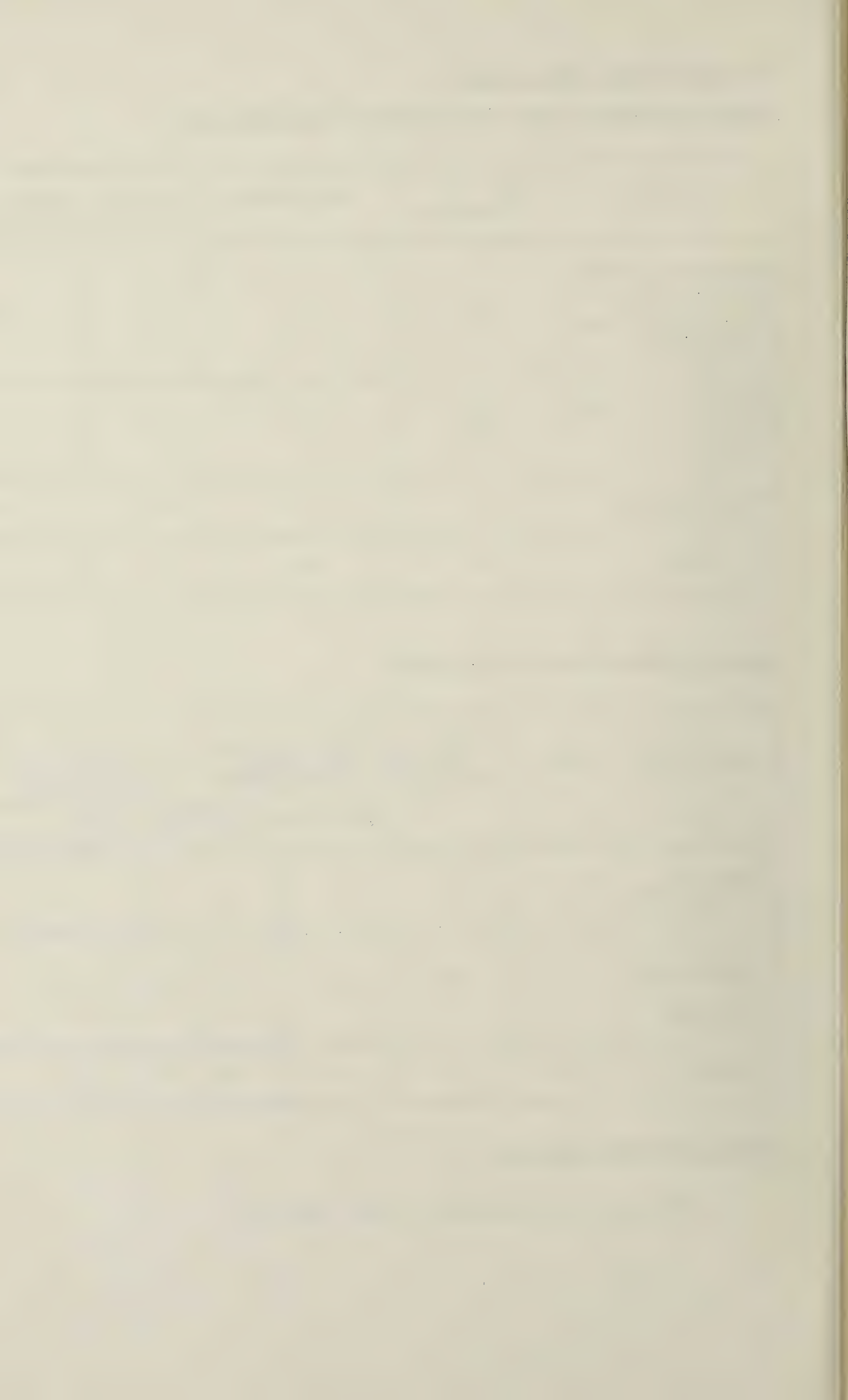
Premises.	No. on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections, 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	21	14	—	—
Factories in which Section 7 is enforced.	43	21	1	—
Other Premises.	6	6	—	—
TOTAL :	70	41	1	—

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Found	Number of Cases in which Defects were found.			Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted.
		Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness.	—	—	—	—	—
Closet Unsuitable or Defective	1	1	—	1	—
TOTAL :	1	1	—	1	—

OUTWORK SECTION 110 & 111

There are no outworkers in the district.





## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### MILK SUPPLY

Three Dealer's Licences were issued authorising the use of the special designation "Tuberculin Tested" and three licences authorising the use of the special designation "Pasteurised".

Twelve licences were issued authorising the use of the special designation "Sterilised".

Four samples of milk were submitted for examination, all were classed as satisfactory. Samples are also taken by the County Council's Officer.

### ICE-CREAM

There are 29 premises registered for the sale of ice-cream; all the ice-cream being pre-packed. The only loose ice-cream sold in the area is sold from vehicles.

There is no ice-cream manufactured in the area.

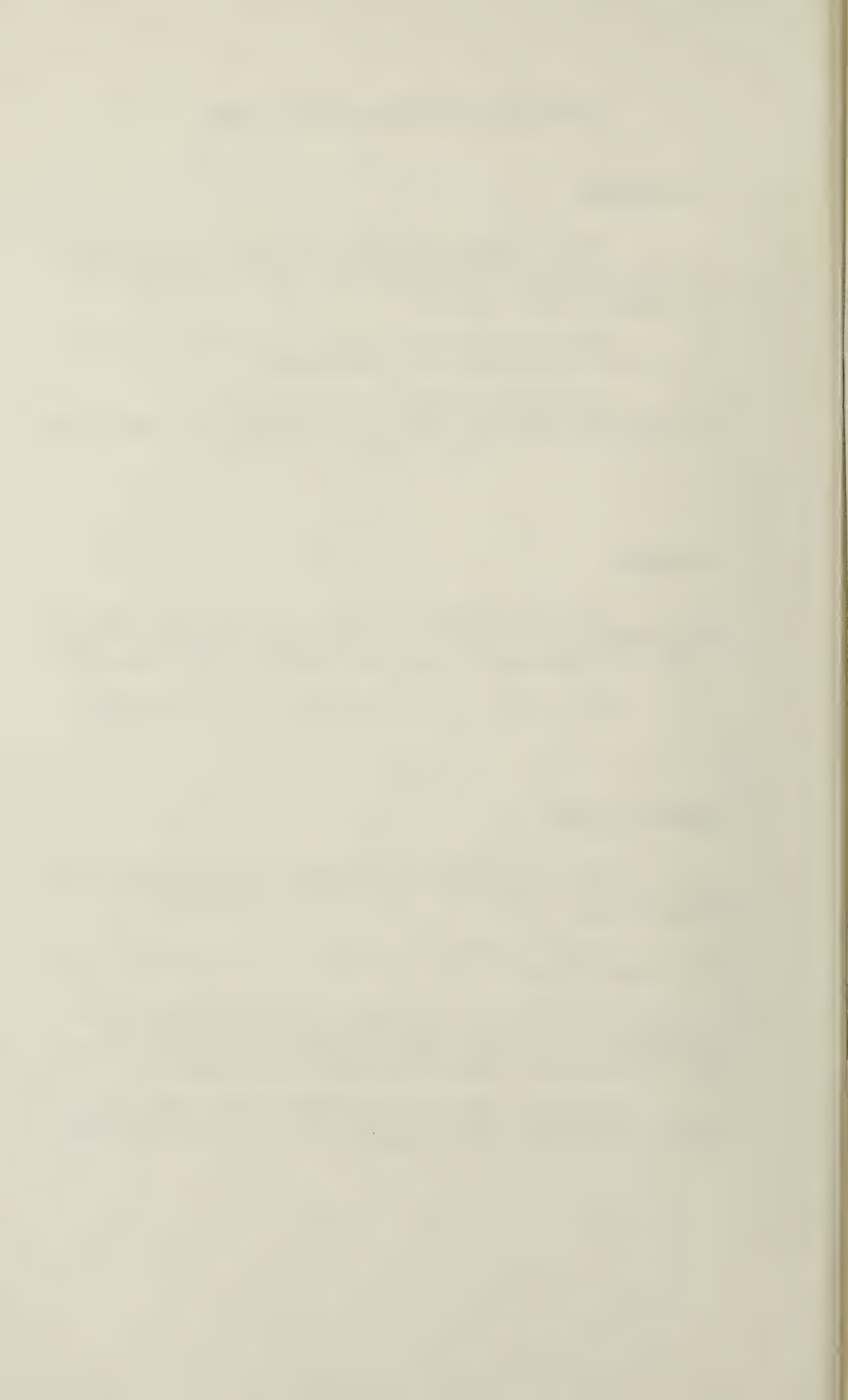
### CONDEMNED FOOD

Six certificates were issued covering eight items of foodstuffs which were voluntarily surrendered by shopkeepers.

It was not found necessary to seize any diseased or unsound food.

Condemned food is disposed of by burying in the Council's Refuse Tip. Two whole carcasses which were condemned were stained green and were collected by a firm who make animal feeding stuffs and fertilisers.

Some meat from the Knackers Yard is taken by a trader in cat and dog meat and sold in the district from a van. This meat is not stained.





## SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are six licensed slaughterhouses one of which is only used occasionally for the slaughter of pigs. These slaughterhouses are conducted in a satisfactory manner.

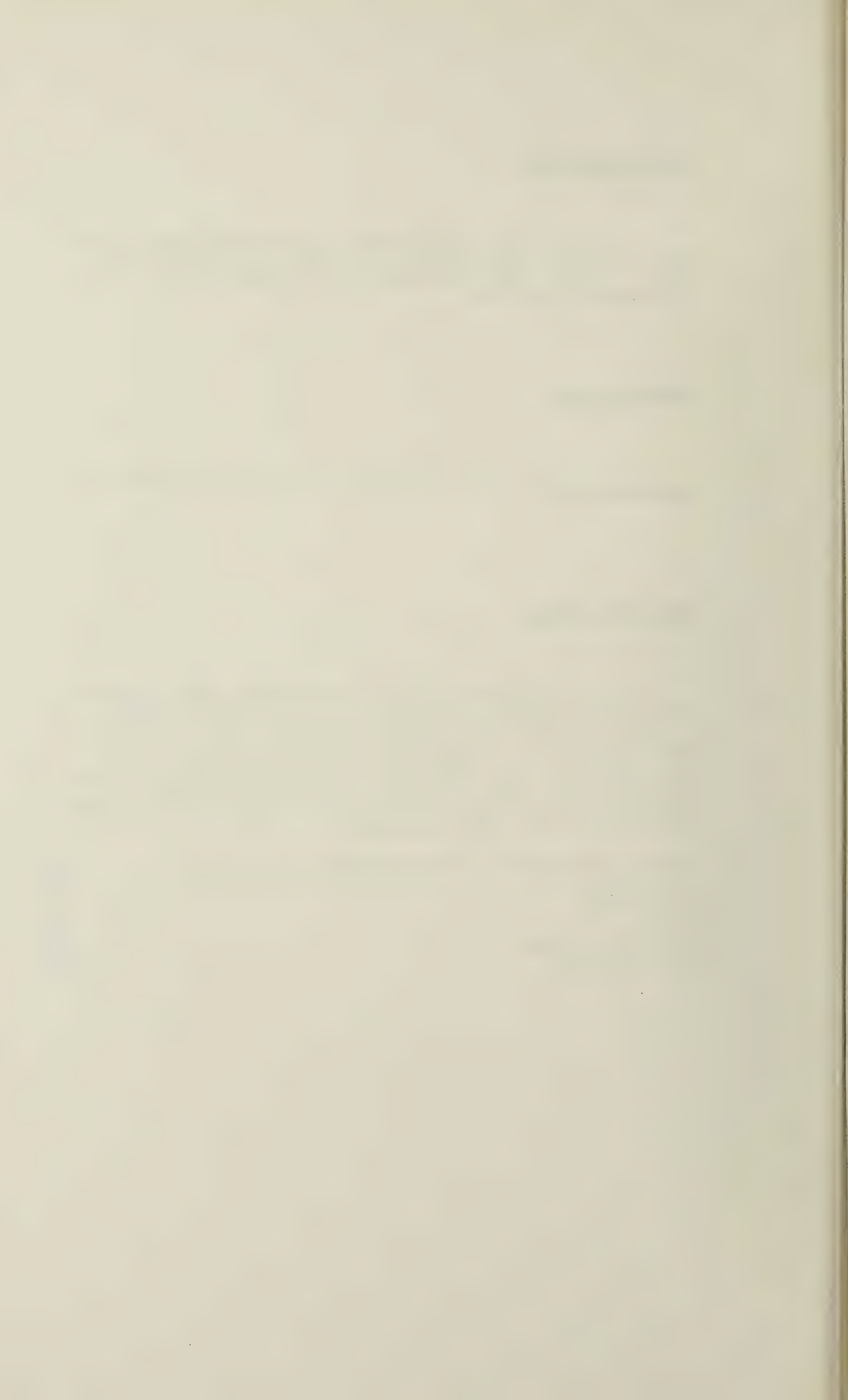
## KNACKERS YARD

There is one licensed knackers yard which is satisfactory.

## FOOD PREPARATION

The following food premises and public houses were all circulated with details of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955-1956. Advice has been given in many cases and premises are gradually being improved to a good standard. In addition to the action being taken, shoppers could help to improve poor premises by reporting dirty practices and by dealing with shops which are kept up to a good standard.

Premises registered for the making up of food	11
Fish Friers	4
Bakehouses	3
Cafes	4
Other food shops	40
Public Houses	34



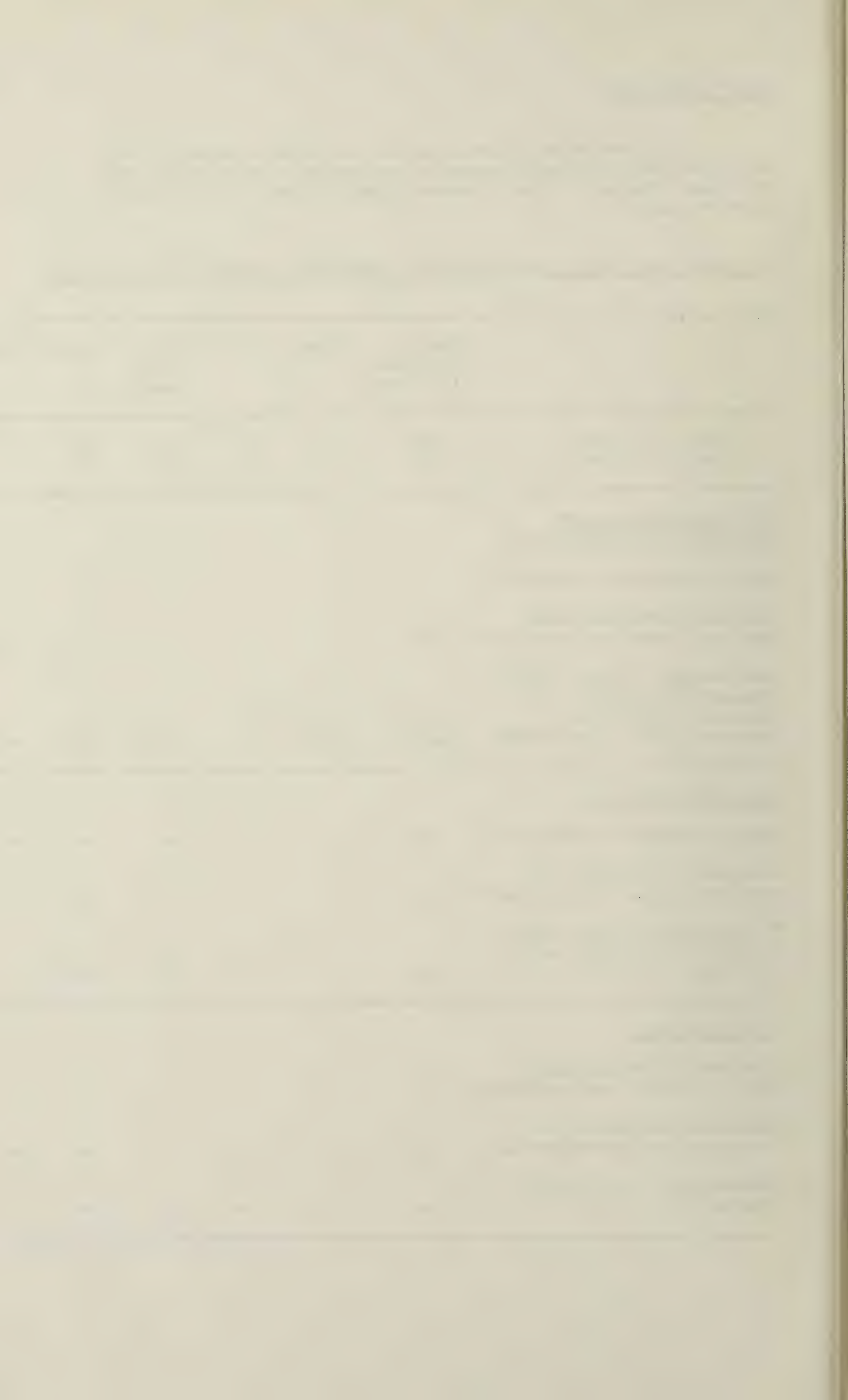


MEAT INSPECTION

Ante-mortem inspection is not always possible and all carcasses were not inspected as during the holidays the stand-in Inspector from Thorney Rural District is on call when required.

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle (exclud- ing cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	194	2	2	436	905	-
Number inspected	191	2	2	424	890	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	31	2	-	5	60	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticerci	16.23	100.0	-	1.18	6.74	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	-	-	-	11	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	3.14	-	-	-	1.23	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-





## MEAT CONDEMNED.

### Bovines

1 whole carcass and offal (650 lbs.), 4 heads and tongues, 2 sets of lungs, 2 livers, all affected with tuberculosis	Total weight :-	766 lbs.
3 whole livers and portions of 12 livers with distomatosis		98 lbs.
1 liver with angiomata		18 lbs.
7 livers with multiple abscesses		112 lbs.
1 liver degeneration		12 lbs.
1 heart and liver inflammation		14 lbs.
2 heads and tongues actinomycosis		48 lbs.
1 head abscesses		25 lbs.
beef bruising		261½ lbs.

### Pigs

11 heads and tongues with tuberculosis	127 lbs.
34 livers with cirrhosis	128 lbs.
11 livers with hepatitis	48 lbs.
2 livers with fatty degeneration	11 lbs.
6 pigs hocks arthritis	9 lbs.
8 sets lungs pneumonia	34 lbs.
5 hearts inflammation	7 lbs.
2 fractures to legs of pork	25 lbs.
1 whole carcass peritonitis	100 lbs.

### Sheep

1 liver strongylus rufescens	3 lbs.
1 part liver distoma	1 lb.
2 kidneys uraemia	7 lbs.
trimmings of leg and breast oedema	4½ lbs.

HEAT CORRECTION

FOOTING

1 whole carcass and offal (550 lbs.), 4 heads and forelimbs  
2 sets of lungs, 2 livers, all attached with thoracic  
Total weight 1-  
3 whole livers and portions of 12 livers with  
thoracic  
1 liver with pancreas  
7 livers with multiple abscesses  
1 liver degenerated  
1 heart and liver infarction  
2 heads and forelimbs with thoracic  
1 head abscessed  
Total 100 lbs.

WIFE

11 heads and forelimbs with thoracic  
24 livers with abscesses  
11 livers with hepatitis  
2 livers with liver infarction  
6 other books of thoracic  
2 sets lungs with thoracic  
2 books of thoracic  
2 lungs to 1 lb of each  
1 whole carcass with thoracic  
Total 100 lbs.

BAKE

1 liver strongly infarcted  
1 part liver infarcted  
2 kidneys with  
Examination of 1st and 2nd books of thoracic  
Total 100 lbs.







